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METHOD AND TABLET

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9, 12-14 and 20-24 as follows.

Claim 9, line 1, change "any one of claims" to --claim 4--;

line 2, delete "4-8".